THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) collided with a MiG-21 aircraft. The UAV was destroyed in the collision. The MiG-21 suffered minor damage.

A Court of Inquiry has been ordered to ascertain the reasons.

Funds for Cantonment Boards of Uttaranchal

133. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of civic amenities like potable water, sanitation and construction of roads during the year 2003-04 to the various Cantonment Boards of Uttaranchal State;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that all these Cantonment Boards have not been able to maintain civic amenities for want of funds;

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal for allocation of additional funds to these Cantonment Boards; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (d)The Cantonment Baords in Uttranchal State have provided the following amount in the Budget for the year 2003-04 for maintaining civic amenities:-

Jo. Name of the Cantonment Board	Amount (Approx.) (in Ruppes)
1. Almora	Rs. 7,55,309/-
2. Chakrata	Rs. 2,30,10,700/-
3. Clement Town	Rs. 41,33,900/-
4. Dehradun	Rs. 1,91,00,000/-
5. Lansdowne	Rs. 28,78,000/-
6. Landour	Rs. 20,83,200/-
7. Nainital	Rs. 17,25,711/-
8. Ranikhet	Rs. 7,52,78,546/-
9. Roorkee	Rs. 62,86,900/-

† Original notice ot the question was received in Hindi.

While the provision of civic amenities is a continuing process, all these Cantonment Boards maintain civic amenties to a reasonably satisfactory level and strive to improve the same depending on availability of funds.

These Cantonment Boards have received service charges amounting to about Rs. 5.57 Crore which can be utilised by them for providing civic amenities like potable water, sanitation, roads etc. The Lansdowne Cantonment Board has been given recently Rs.6.46 lakh as Special Grant-in-aid for augmentation of water supply.

Allotment of additional funds during the current year will also be considered as per availability of funds within the overall allocation for Central assistance, taking in view requests received from these Boards.

Contracts for Purchase of Hawk-115

134. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Governement have signed a contract for the purchase of 66 HAWK-type-115 trainer aircraft from British Aerospace after an evaluation period of 20 years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Rapid Action Force are now, flying an advanced version of the HAWK, Type-128, which indicates that the Type-115 is now obsolete; and

(c)if so, the reason for Govenrment opting for the obsolete Type-11 when the current Type-126 is now in service?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Government have decided to induct HAWK Advanced Jet Trainer (AJT) of BAE Systems-of UK for the Indian Air Force. No contract has been signed for the procurement.

(b) and (c) Royal Air Force, UK is not currently flying HAWK type 128. Government have not opted for an obsolete HAWK AJT.